

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, occupational therapy is the key to independence for people of all ages who are faced with health problems in managing their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants provide specialized training, adaptive equipment and other resources to help individuals overcome limitations to become self-reliant and live rewarding, satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy services are available to our citizens in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, public schools, skilled nursing facilities and in the community; and

WHEREAS, specialized education programs in our colleges and universities prepare individuals for this profession; and

WHEREAS, the American Occupational Therapy Association has set aside the month of April to communicate all the contributions occupational therapy makes to the health and productivity of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2003, to be

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to recognize the contributions of our occupational therapy professionals and support their continued professional training and development.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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